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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yutaka MINEZAKI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3064
Serial No.: 09/813,799 : Group Art Unit: 2177
Filed: March 22, 2001 : Examiner: Greta Lee Robinson
For: DATA DISPLAY SYSTEM, DATA MAP FORMING SYSTEM, AND DATA MAP FORMING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT **RECEIVED**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Technology Center 2100

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2003 of this application.

In the action, restriction was required between claims 1-9 and 18, drawn to a data display system, and claims 10-17, drawn to a data map forming system. In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 10-17, drawn to a data map forming system. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

In making the restriction requirement, the Examiner holds that the inventions are distinct because they are not disclosed as capable of use together and have different modes of operations, different functions or different effects.

Applicants submits that this is insufficient basis to justify the restriction requirement. The two groups of claims directed to a data display system and the data map forming system are based on technology which is interrelated as used in both systems. Therefore, Applicants

submits that a single inventive concept had been presented and that all claims to this application should be considered in this application. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and action on the merits is now in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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